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Incidents of dishonouring.

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MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS.
Council Asstt.

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Constituent Assembly of India (Legislative)
Autumn Session 1947.

~~Notice~~ ~~Admitted~~ Final List ~~No.~~ for 19-11-47 Serial No. 60 ~~Register No.~~

This ~~Starred question~~ ~~Unstarred question~~ ~~Resolution~~ ~~Bill~~ by the Hon'ble Shri S. Nagappa

~~if admitted~~ as admitted and Kashmir will be placed on the list of business for meeting on the 19-11- 1947.

2. Date on which Notice received in the Constituent Assembly of India (Legislative) .....

3. Date of ~~Notice~~ ~~Admitted~~ Final List. 13-11-47

4. Date on which Notice received in this Ministry ..... 14-11-47.

5. Date on which extract sent to branch. 15-11-47

60. *Shri S. Nagappa: Will the Honourable Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of any incident of dishonouring the Indian Union Flag anywhere in India;

(b) if so, where;

(c) what action Government have taken so far; and

(d) if no action has been taken yet, what action Government propose to take?

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Ministryof Home Affairs. (3)

(Reference question in the Constituent Assembly (Legi. on the previous page).

Three incidents of dishonouring the Indian National Flags were reported to this Ministry viz. in Murad State, Mysore State and in Sholapur State. These references were transferred to the Ministry of States for disposal. Similar instances have also appeared in the press but no official complaint was made to us. It is suggested that a copy of the question may be circulated to all provincial Governments, Chief Commissioners and the Ministries requesting them to furnish the necessary material for answering the question. Two drafts put up for approval.

20.10.47.

I have discussed with D.S(G) who agrees to the issue of the drafts.

A V Raman
20.10.47

20.10.47

A.S(c)

S. Nos. 1 and 2 (Issue)

F.Rs.

Serial Nos. 3-16.

In this connection Serial Nos.1-2 may be seen. It will be observed from S.No.2 that all the Ministries were requested to furnish the information required therein by the 5th November 1947. Replies have so far been received from the Ministries of Law, Legislative Assembly, Health, Food, Education, Commerce, I&B, States, W.N.P. and E.A.and C.R., Ministry of Finance (Defence), Ministry of Finance (Commodities Prices Board). The Ministries of Health, W.M.P., Finance and 2 S3 have nothing to report but they have promised to send the replies from their attached and subordinate offices. The defaulters when need., they may also be reminded. may be reminded as in the DFA. It may be added to the reminder that if replies are not received by the 10th, it will be presumed that they have nothing to report.

DFA - I + II

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6.XI.47

B M Sharma
7.11.47

S. Nos. 17-18 (Issue)

P.K. Kaul
Commissioner
BMS
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MSRDS. Reminder to be sent after completion of the file. RDC 7/11

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Serial Nos. 1 & 2.

D.G.A. may first see u.o. for favour of remarks.
(D.S. may see before the papers go to D.G.A.).

Sd/- R. Lal.
5.9.47.

Sd/- D.M.Sen.
5.9.47.

D.G.A. u.o.
Ministry of Education u.o.No.1551-AR/47, dated 11-9-47.

ARCHEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

With reference to the complaints to the U.P.Government and the Prime Minister of India in respect of the conduct of a clerk on the Independence Day, I attach a full report from the Officer in charge of my Museums Branch, to which the clerk belongs. I have some considerable personal knowledge of the Budhist priests concerned in the matter and am familiar with their aptitude for abusing authority on occasion. It is evident that on the present occasion the situation required more authoritative handling than the clerk was able to give to it, but I do not on that account regard his reported conduct as in any way unseemly.

Sd/- R.E.Mortimer Wheeler.
D. G. A.

21st October 1947.

Ministry of Education.
D.G.A. u.o.I.No.2G/22/47-9700.

From the report submitted by the Superintendent C.A.A. Museums in regard to the two complaints from U.P.Govt. and Secretary, Maha Bodhi Society, it is obvious that there is nothing objectionable in the conduct of Mr. Bhanu Prakash Srivastava, a clerk of the Sarnath Museum who acted wisely in tackling a situation which demanded more authoritative handling. The complaint made to the U.P.Govt. that the Union Flag was humiliated by the same clerk does not appear to be quite correct as is evidence from the paragraph 1 of the Report.

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In the circumstances, it does not seem desirable that any disciplinary action should be taken against Mr. Bhanu Prakash. A

Itd.29-10-47.

The Ministry of Home Affairs may as well see before we address the Government of the United Provinces as proposed above.

Sd/- R. Lal.
5-11-47.

Ministry of Home Affairs.
Ministry of Edn. u.o.No.D.1551-AR/47, dt. 5-11-47.

/MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS/

Seen in the Ministry of Home Affairs and returned with thanks. In view of the D.G.A's note on pre-page and Supdt.'s report at flag 'Y' this Ministry agree to the action proposed at 'A' above.

Itd.6-11-47.

Sd/-E.C.Gaynor.
6- 11- 47.

Ministry of Education.

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No.C-90/XV-2021-47.

From

A.N.Sapru, Esquire, I.C.S.,
Secretary to Government
United Provinces,

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Department of Education,
New Delhi.

Dated Lucknow, September 2, 1947.

Sir,

It has been brought to the notice of the Provincial Government that Mr. Bhanu Prakash Srivastava, clerk of the museum at Sarnath, Banaras, tried to prevent people from taking part in the Independence Day Celebrations on August 15, 1947, and that at his instigation the National Flag was not put up on the museum building. I am directed to bring this incident to the notice of the Government of India for such action against the clerk as they consider adviaable.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Sd/- A.N.Sapru.

Secretary.

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CENTRAL ASIAN ANTIQUITIES MUSEUM

I have made enquiries about the two complaints against the Sarnath Museum, relating to the Independence Day celebrations.

1. Complaint to U.P.Government.

Mr. Bhanu Prakash Srivastava took an active part in Independence Day celebrations by decorating the museum gates, by hoisting the National Flag on the museum building and saluting the flag with his staff. The complaint is baseless. Moreober it is difficult to believe that the clerk of the museum either such influence on the local people as to prevent them from celebrating the Independence Day or that he would go out of his way to do such a thing. The sentence that the National Flag was not put at the Museum Building shows the untruth of the charge. The National Flag ~~suspp~~ supplied by the Central P.W.D. on 11th August was despatched to Sarnath with directions that it should be hoisted on the Museum building. This parcel did not reach there in time. Mr. B.P. Srivastava used his own initiative and purchased two flags from the market and hoisted them on the two gates. The next day when he received the big flag sent from headquarters, he also arranged to hoist it on the roof of the main hall. I commend his action and regret that some one out of spite seems to have lodged a frivolous complaint.

11. Complaint sent direct to Hon'ble Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.

The charges are that according to a pre-settled programme the Mahabodhi Society with all their workers, students, teachers and gentry from the neighbouring villages wanted to worship the Asoka Pillar and that the clerk obstructed this and treated the party in an insulting manner.

As is well-known, access to the mouments is regulated under orders of the controlling authority so that no damage be done to the crumbling walls and other precariously supported structures by an onrush of a crowd at one and the same time. Only bonafide visitors are permitted to go there for purpose of visiting or study. Entry for any other purpose is ultra vires. The clerk was justified in pointing out the anomalous situation to the Secretary of the Mahabodhi Society.

The Secretary, Mahabodhi Society says that the party went to the mouments according to a pre-settled programme. No information of this programme was sent to me for previous permission, and our

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representative on the spot (Mr. Bhanu Prakash Srivastava), was only informed of it on 15th August at 10-30 A.M. He immediately informed the Secretary that the Curator was out and that he did not find himself in a position to accede to their request. adding that the proper course would have been to obtain the previous permission from the Superintendent, Archaeological Survey, Northern Circle, Agra who was controlling the monuments. Since the Secretary stated that he was acting under the directions of the Congress Committee, the Clerk promised to accommodate him in case he was alos informed by the Congress Committee. After half an hour of the first intimation, the Secretary leading a crowd of about 300 persons was seen approaching the excavated area towards the Asoka Pillar. Mr. Srivastava with his staff went to the spot and after certain enquiries allowed the ceremony of flower-offering on the Asoka Pillar.

To me it appears that the clerk's apprehension about the safety of the monuments, if a large party of about 300 persons got crowded round the Asoka Pillar and the Cluster of other valuable monuments near it, was justified and he only discharged his duty in a conscientious manner in pointing out to the Secretary what ought to have been done. The Secretary should have addressed either Pt. Vats or myself for previous permission, so that things could be regulated in a satisfactory manner. Obviously the Secretary thought that he could commandeer the monuments at any time he thought fit without previous intimation to the controlling authority or even without giving sufficient notice to the man on the spot.

Mr. B.P.Srivastava is a faithful servant of the Government and I strongly resent the aspersions made against him by the Secretary that the clerk has a slavish mentality and that he is an irresponsible person. I would suggest that in fairness to the officer placed incharge of the Museum for the time being, the Secretary should be asked to offer his appologies for the objectionable language that he has used in the last para of his letter. I am sorry to report that our previous Curator at Sarnath, Mr. A.C. Bannerji had frequent troubles from the Mahabodhi Society and that this bad legacy is no directed against his successor.

Sd/- .V.S.Agrawala.
Superintendent.

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MAHA BODHI SOCIETY, INDIA

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Dated the 20th August, 1947.

To

The Hon'ble Pandit Jwahar Lal Nehru,
Premier of India,
Delhi.

Respected Pandit ji,

Respectfully and humbly I beg to say that according to the pre-settled Programme, all the Monks and workers of the Society, students and teachers of the Maha Bodhi High School and the chief personalities from the neighbouring towns went to worship and offer flowers on the Asoka's Pillar on the 15th August on the occasion of Independence day. But the Clerk incharge Mr. Bhanu Prakash Srivastava of the museum, put an obstruction in the flower offering ceremoney and treated us in a most insulting and disgraceful way. The public became exasperated, but the Head Master of the Maha Bodhi High School mediated and settled the dispute before the situation went out of control and the public became silent. The ceremony, however, was performed, but the public is very much displeased with the Clerk for his misbehaviour. At the dawn of Independence day, no body can suppress the rising spirit of the public. They do not want that any person of slavish mentality should remain in India. Therefore it is requested that this irresponsible person should be properly punished and steps be taken to remove him otherwise something may happen at any time.

Yours .....

Sd/- Bhikshu Sang Rattn.

Secretary, Maha Bodhi Sabha, Sarnath,
Benares.

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Ministry of Education

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As verbally directed by AS(G), efforts were made to contact Mr. Rattan Lal, Secretary for Local Self Government , in the Chief Commissioner's Office, but he was not available on the phone. As the office of the President, Indian War Memorial, is a very small office, we may perhaps take it that there have been no case of dishonouring the India Union Flag. We need not, therefore, wait for the receipt of any formal reply from the India War Memorial.

2. The replies from all the other attached and subordinate offices have already been received, and none of them has reported any incident of dishonouring the Indian Union Flag. As regards the Ministry of Education (Proper), no such case has been brought to the notice of this Ministry. We may send a NIL reply to the Ministry of Home Affairs. A draft O.M. is put up for approval. This information is to reach the Ministry of Home Affairs by to-morrow, the 5th November 1947, at the latest.

Itd.
4.11.47

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4.11.47

Sd/- Som Dutt
4.11.47.

With reference to part (a) of the question I may state that the Secretary of the Mahabodhi Society, Sarnath, and the Government of U.P. (probably at the instance of the former have asked us to take suitable action against Mr. Bhanu Prakash Srivastava, a clerk employed in the museum at Sarnath who is alleged to have prevented people from attending the celebration in August 1947. As will be seen from the D.G.A's note and the report of Mr. Agrawala Superintendent of the Archaeological Survey, it is clear that instead of dishonouring the National Flag Mr. Srivastava actually hoisted the National Flag but the question whether he need be punished for any alleged misbehavior on his part in preventing the public in large numbers from attending the 15th August Celebration is under consideration. The D.G.A. has definately stated that Mr. Srivastava's conduct was not in any way unseemly. It will be as well if we show the linked file to the Home Ministry

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who may if they so desire, include a reference to this case in their reply. Other than this we have no case to report.

Sd/-
5.11.47.

Ministry of Home Affairs
Ministry of Education u.o. No.7984/G/47 dt.5.11.47.

(MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS)

Seen in the Ministry of Home Affairs and returned with thanks. The incidents mentioned in the linked file need not be included in our reply. Copies of relevant papers have however been kept for preparing a note for answering supplementary question, if any.

Itd.
6.11.47

Sd/- E.C. Gaynor
6.11.47.

B.M. Sharma.
6.11.47.

Ministry of Education.

S. Nos. 19 – 25.

Replies from the ministries are practically completed in view of the last circle of our reminders, dated 8.11.47. It may be presumed that the defaulters have nothing to report. As regards reports from the provincial Govts. and Chief Commissioners it may be mentioned that we have so far received replies from the Govts. of West Bengal, the U.P., the C.P. & Berar and Orissa and from the Chief Commissioner of Coorg. The question, if admitted, will be put down for the meeting on 19.11.47. ~~All the replies from the provincial Govts. and C's are not received by 15.11.47 an Express telegram will be sent out adding that if replies are not received by the 15th November also the latter will be treated that they have nothing to report. The Govts. & Chief Comms. from whom replies are outstanding may be reminded. Draft telegram submitted.~~ #17-18/cw

A V Raman
11.11.47

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S. No. 27 – 28 (Issue)

Dl 7/11/47
11.11.47
Dated 13/11

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Serial Nos. 29-40.

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Please refer to Shri S. Nagappa's starred question in the Constituent Assembly (Legislative) on p.1 ante.

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2. All the Provincial Governments, Chief Commissioners and the Ministries were asked to furnish material for answering this question. Replies from all except the Governments of ~~Bombay~~, the East Punjab, Bihar, and the Chief Commissioners of Delhi and A.& N.Islands, have been received. The defaulters have been reminded telegraphically.

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3. Replies so far received show that several incidents of dishonouring the Indian National Flags have occurred in India. A summary of these incidents has been prepared and placed in the file at Flag "R".

Flag 'R'

D.F.A.

4. A draft reply to the question is submitted. If the outstanding replies are received in time and refer to any incidents of dishonouring the National Flag these will be added to the draft reply as also to the Summary.

15.11.47.

5. The question was been admitted and placed on the list of business for 19.11.47.

15.11.47

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15.11.47

A V Raman

15.11.47

Draft reply for approval.

17.11.47

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D.S(C)

Secy.

H.M. 17/11/47

H.M has approved.

18.11.47

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Secy.

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D.S.(S)

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CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY OF INDIA
(LEGISLATIVE)

Starred Question No.60

(To be answered on the 19th November 1947)

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Reply to Shri S. Nagappa's starred question No.60 regarding the incidents of dishonouring the Indian National Flag.

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REPLY

THE HONOURABLE SARDAR VALLABHBHAI PATEL:

(a) & (b) A few cases of disrespect to the Flag have been reported from Madras, Bombay, West Bengal, the United Provinces, Ajmer-Merwara and Delhi.

(c) & (d) In some cases, where Government servants were involved, suitable disciplinary action has been taken. In other cases action has been taken under the law .

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Supplementaries to Qn.60

Seth Govinddas: Is it not a fact Sir, that in several Indian States, on the 15th of August the Indian flag was dishonoured and one of those States is Maihar in Central India ?

The Honourable Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel: On enquiry made from the State concerned, the reply has been received that they hoisted the national flag and took part in the ceremony.

Seth Govinddas: Are there any other Indian States where the Indian flag was dishonoured?

The Honourable Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel: A reference was made to Hyderabad and they also denied the allegation.

Shri Balkrishna Sharma: During the last session of the Constituent Assembly I brought to the notice of the Honourable the Leader of the House as also the Honourable the Home Minister that in my province the Army Command had issued a notice that on the 15th August if orders were to be received replacing the Union Jack by any other flag, no ceremony will take place. Is the Government aware that such an order was issued by the U.P. Command and that as the result of that order, no flag hoisting ceremony was performed in any Military Contonment or establishment in the United Provinces? May I know if the Government are aware of these facts and whether any notice has been taken by the Government of these facts and whether the military officers have been proceeded against?

The Honourable Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel: I have got a report giving information so far as the United Provinces are concerned. One officer failed to hoist the national flag and he was dismissed. The Principal of a European School failed to hoist the flag on Independence Day. The grant to the school was suspended, as also in some cases where sufficient enthusiasm was not shown. There is

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no other case so far as the United Provinces is concerned.

An Honourable Member: Does the Hon'ble Minister know that the R.S.S. and Hindu Mahasabha bodies are often maligning and staging against the national flag and delivering lectures? Is he aware of any such facts?

Mr. Speaker: Order, order.

An Honourable Member: May I know if the Honourable Minister is aware of the fact that exception was taken by a very high military official of Indian Forces to the wearing of national flag badges at a dinner given in honour of the Pakistan military personnel in Delhi?

The Honourable Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel: Government have no knowledge. In fact if any ~~post~~ proof is given, enquiry will be made.

Shri S. Nagappa: May I know whether Government has received any representation from people of the Hyderabad State as regards the dishonouring of the national flag?

The Honourable Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel: As I have already stated, a reference was made to the State concerned and a denial was issued publicly by the Hyderabad Government.

Shri S. Nagappa: In practice if a particular State dishonours the National Flag and on enquiry if it denies the fact, what do the Government propose to do to investigate into the matter and see that proper honour is given to the flag?

The Honourable Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel: The denial is accepted.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Public (General-A) Department.

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Post Copy of Express Telegram No. 8479/47-1, dated 15-11-1947.
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From

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

To

Homex, New Delhi.

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Reference your telegram No. 109/47- Public(B) of 13th regarding Dishonouring Indian National Flag stop. Following five incidents came to notice First on 15th August 1947 Hindus hoisted Union flag on Muslim School and on Coconut tree in Chockalingapuram village Madura District stop Muslims pulled them down stop No action taken stop. Settlement effected between Hindus and Muslims Stop, Second On 16th August National Flag hoisted on Muslim boys school at Cumbum, Madura District found missing stop Enquiry revealed two muslim boys removed flag and burnt it. stop Police took precaution to avert rioting stop. Compromise arrived at and Muslims agreed to rehoist flag.
Third On 17th August National Flag hoisted on Temple in Trichinopoly District found missing stop. Police registered case under Section 379 Penal Code.
Fourth On 15th August in Lalpet South Arcot District Hindu boy was prevented from flying national flag on his cycle and threatened stop. ~~Complaints~~ Warning effected and Muslim boys responsible were severely dealt with by Muslim leaders.
Fifth On fifth October Congress Students Annamalai University hoisted Union flag in front of house of member Dravidian Federation stop. He removed flag and burnt it stop. Case registered under Section 379 and 425 Penal Code.

It is too late now
19/11/47

/ True Copy /

Superintendent. 15/11/47

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STATE EXPRESS TELEGRAM.

To

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Dy No 4344/47 Pub (B)
17-11-47

PP/26-1.- REFERENCE HOMEX TELEGRAM 109/47-Public(b) NOVEMBER ELEVENTH STOP THIS ADMINISTRATION TELEGRAM PP/26-1 NOVEMBER TENTH READS AS FOLLOWS (.) BEGINS "NO INCIDENT OF DISHONOURING INDIAN UNION FLAG OCCURRED IN PANTH PIPLODA(.) ENDS HENCE NO DETAILS OF INCIDENTS ARE REQUIRED.

SESEAM.

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No.PP/26-1. Dated Ajmer, the 13th November '47.

Copy by post in confirmation.

for Chief Commissioner, Panth Piplod

A.L.D./13.11.47. *********

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F.No. 109/47-Public (B).

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GOVT. OF INDIA
Recd. 9 NOV 1947
Branch
MINISTRY OF LABOUR

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS. IMMEDIATE.
HOME DEPARTMENT.

Dated, New Delhi the 8th November, 1947.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM.

Subject:- Incidents of dishonouring the Indian Union Flag.

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Ministry's office memorandum of even number dated the 21st October, 1947 on the subject mentioned above and to request that the information asked for therein may kindly be furnished immediately. If no reply is received by the 10th November, 1947, it will be presumed that the Ministry of Labour have nothing to report.

B.M.Sharma

(B.M.Sharma).
for Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

To

The Ministry of Labour

[Ministry of Labour]
No. G-20.
In our O.M. dated the 7th Nov. Aug we have already informed the Ministry of Home Affairs that so far as this Ministry and its attached and subordinate offices are concerned no occasion has been on which the Indian Union Flag was dishonoured. This may be returned to the Ministry of Home Affairs in continuation.

10/11.47.

NR/ Ministry of Home Affairs c/s

G.20/246

Ministry of Labour U.O. No. G-20 dated 11.11.1947

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Included in the Statement laid on the Table of the House on 19/11

CHIEF COMMISSIONER'S
OFFICE

EXPRESS LETTER

From

Rai Bahadur J.P. Ray, M.A.,
Home Secretary to the Chief Commissioner,
Delhi.

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
NEW DELHI.

No.F.1(31)/47-Home -- DELHI, Dated the 10th November, 1947.

Reference Home Ministry's Express Letter No. F.109/47-Pub(B), dated the 21st October, 1947.

2. Draft reply to the question (Starred D. No.9) to be asked in the Constituent Assembly (Legislative) on the 19th November, 1947, by Shri S. Naggapa regarding incidents of dishonouring Indian Union Flag is enclosed.

Sd/-

(J.P. Ray)
Home Secretary
to the Chief Commissioner, Delhi.

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D R A F T

R E P L Y

a). One incident in the area of P.S.Paharganj, Delhi on 15/8/47 (i.e. the Independence Day) when some Muslims hoisted a Muslim League flag side by side with the Indian Union flag.

b). Mohalla Mandi Dal near Kothi Shora, P.S.Paharganj, Delhi.

c). Three Muslims were arrested u/s 107/151 C.P.C. for creating a situation, which was likely to lead to a breach of the Peace. The case is proceeding.

d). Does not arise.

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Telegram I.W.C.

Dy No. 4358/47—Pub(B)
18—11—47

From:— ANDAMANS Port Blair

To:— Ministry of Home Affairs New Delhi

No: CC/1518

Dt- 17 11 (rec'd 17 11) Nov. 1947.

T.O.O. 14-45
T.O.R. 19-30

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Mr. Stocks, Dy Secy Min of Home Affairs

IMMEDIATE

Your telegram dated November 14 11 No: 109/47/PUB (B) regarding flag × Kindly refer to my Telegram dated September 27 11 No: CC/1518 repeated below for ready reference and also to last paragraph of my administration report- ending 4 11 October under Jam General × Telegram begins CC/1518 Your telegram dated September 24 11 No: 7933 × From my Telegram dated Septr: 15 11 No: CC/1518 it would appear that the letter of Hindustan Times referred to not only incorrect- but mischievous especially for this where fortunately Communal harmony exists × Indian Dominion flag flown from Government- House Secretariat and almost every building Government- or private × Kindly send me copy of Hindustan Times refered × If possible would like to

P.T.O.

P. S. V. 9A.

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w name of writer of letter in question
egram ends x Ministry of Home Affairs
etter ~~dated~~ 11 12 October received sending copy of
letter from Indian Hindustan Times x Cannot-
ascertain who the writer is to find out-
his complaint = ~~illegible~~ seeing flag
from a boat going from Burma or
Singapore to Indian mainland incredible x
More these Islands do not- lie on any
air or ship route to enable to see buildings
much less flag x It is I think clear
that Indian National flag not- dishonoured
by any one in fact respect ~~of~~ shown
particularly noted x No action therefore
called for as no incident occurred.

Secy to Govt of Home Affairs (Mr STOCKS)(3)
PS to Hon'ble Cabinet Secy Edwards.
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[Advance copy to Mr. STOCKS,
Govt of Home Affairs]

P. S. V. 9A.

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D.4359/47—Pub.B.
18—11—47

No.F.1(74)-Est.I/47.
Government of India,
Ministry of Finance.

New Delhi, dated the 17th November, 1947.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Change from Department of Government to Ministry.

The undersigned is directed to invite a reference to para 3 of the O.M. No. 74/9/47-Pub(B) dated the 29th August, 1947 from the Home Department (now Ministry of Home Affairs) and to say that so far as the Ministry of Finance is concerned, no redesignation of the offices under the control of this Ministry is necessary. The Mints and the Security Press have been recently redesignated as the India Government Mint Bombay, the India Government Mint Calcutta, and the India Security Press, Nasik Road.

G. Mathias
(G.Mathias)
Under Secretary to the Government of India.

To

The Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi.

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IMMEDIATE

DEPARTMENT/OFFICE.

Important Telegram

File No.

Serial No. ( )

Letter
Draft Memorandum
Telegram

No. 109/47-Pol(B) Dated 14.11.47

1. Date of despatch
2. List of enclosures.

ISSUED
On.....
Initial.....
12.25 R. & I. (P)

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immediately

Andamans,
Port Blair.

Your telegram CC/1518. of 13th November regarding Indian National Flag. Please wire details and action taken on incidents of dishonouring Indian National Flag if any occurred in Andamans. This information required to answer Assembly question on 19th November.

Homex.

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INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

No.

Received here at_____ H ____ M

D.4310/47-Pub.B. 15-11-47

= O IA PORT BLAIR 13 STE 68 HOMEX NEW DELHI =

CC /1518 EXPRESS LETTER OF 21 ST OCTOBER REFERRED TO AN YOUR TELEGRAM NO 100/47 PUBLIC (B) OF 11 TH NOVEMBER IS NOT EXPECTED TO REACH HERE UNTIL MAHARAJA ARRIVES ON OR ABOUT 25 TH NOVEMBER (-) MEANTIME KINDLY INTIMATE IF ANY FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING INDIAN NATIONAL FLAG IS REQUIRED THAN THOSE CONVEYED IN MY TELEGRAM NO CC /1518 OF 27 TH SEPTEMBER TO HOMEIN = ANDAMANS =

The sequence of entries at the beginning of this telegram is—class of telegram, time handed in, serial number (in the case of foreign telegrams only), office of origin, date, service instructions (if any) and number of words.

This form must accompany any enquiry respecting this telegram.

MGIPPAh.—660—27-6-47—75,000 Mss.

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from prepage.

The previous telegram referred to is not helpful. The C.C. A.H.Q. may be asked to wire details of action taken on incidents of dishonouring the flag, if any, occurred in Andamans. A draft telegram is enclosed.

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A V Raman
14.11.47

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TELEGRAM I.W.S.

From . . . . Andamans, Port Blair.
To . . . . . Homeim, New Delhi.
No.CC/1518. T.O.O. 1510-
Dated 27th (recd. 29th) September 1947. T.O.R. 1915.

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Your telegram dated 24th September No.7933. From my telegram dated 15th September No.CC/1518 it would appear that letter of Hindustan Times referred to not only incorrect but mischievous especially for this (group omitted - island?) where fortunately communal harmony exists. Indian Dominion flag flown from Government House Secretariat and almost every building Government or private. Kindly send me copy of Hindustan Times referred. If possible would like to know name of writer of letter in question.

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Secretary: and Ministry of Home Affairs: (3) Cabinet Secretary: P.S. to PM: (2) and JS(X):.

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MESSAGE FORM FOR USE AT REPORT CENTRES

A.R.F.M 3.

For use in Report Centre when message starts "Air Raid Damage".

Date	Time at which receipt of message was completed.	Telephonist's Initials

(Commence with the words) "AIR RAID DAMAGE"

Designation of REPORTING AGENT
(e.g., Warden's Post Number)

POSITION of occurrence

*TYPE of bombs:— H.E. Incendiary Poison Gas

Approx. No. of CASUALTIES:—
(If any trapped under wreckage, say so)

If FIRE say so:

*Damage to MAINS:— Water Coal Gas Sewers underground/ Overhead electric cables

Names of ROADS BLOCKED

Position of any UNEXPLODED BOMBS

TIME of occurrence (apprex.)

Services already ON THE SPOT

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IMPORTANT TELEGRAM.

ANDAMANS

PORT BLAIR

109/47-Pub(B) Your telegram CC/1518 of 13th November regarding Indian National Flag. Please wire immediately details and action taken on incidents of dishonouring Indian National Flag if any occurred in Andamans. This information required to answer Assembly question on 19th November.

HOMEX

Not to be telegraphed:

(E.C.Gaynor)
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

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STATE _EXPRESS _TELEGRAM.

To

HOMEX
NEW DELHI.

PP/26-1.- REFERENCE HOMEX NO.F-109/47-Pub.(B) OCTOBER 21ST STOP NO INCIDENT OF DISHONOURING INDIAN UNION FLAG OCCURRED IN PANTH PIPLODA.

SESEAM.

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No.PP/26-1. Dated Ajmer, the 10th November 1947.

Copy by post in confirmation.

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
Pub.(B) Section
File No.....
Dated 14-11-47.
Diary No. 4294/47

for Chief Commissioner, Panth Piploda.

A.L.D./10.11.47. ********

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
PUBLIC (GENERAL-A) DEPARTMENT

Post copy of the Telegram from Resonabele, Madras addressed to Homex, Newl Delhi.

EXPRESS STATE

D. 4356/47-PubB
18-11-47

HOMEX
NEW DELHI

No.8404/47-1	Your telegram	109/47 Public(B)	dated 11th	
regarding	incidents of	Dishonouring	Indian National	
Flag - Reply	despatched on	4th November	in Express	
Letter	No.7942/47-1	Public (General-A)	dated 3-11-1947.	

RESONABELE

(True Copy)
Forwarded / By order

Sonbrahmanya 12/4/47
SUPERINTENDENT.

To the Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, Delhi.

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EXPRESS LETTER.

No. 9374 C. 2304/47

Government of Bihar
Political Department
(Special Section)
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Dy No. 4401/47 — Pub B
25—11—47

From

R. S. Pandey, Esquire,
Additional Under Secretary to Government

To

The Assistant Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi.

Patna, the 17th November, 1947.

Subject:- Constituent Assembly (Legislative) question by Shri S. Nagappa regarding incidents of dishonouring Indian Union Flag.

S i r,

With reference to your Express letter No. F. 109/47-Pub(B) dated the 21st October, 1947, I am directed to say that there has been no specific instance of dishonouring the Indian Union Flag in Bihar. Two minor incidents arising out of the Independence Day celebrations have, however, been reported to Government which are as follows :-

1. Ranchi. On the morning of the 16th August, 1947, the National Flag flown in the Doranda bazar at Ranchi on the occasion of the Independence Day was secretly removed by some mischief-mongers. Another National Flag was, however, unfurled in its place. An effort to trace out the culprit has unfortunately proved unsuccessful.

2. Dhanbad. It has been reported that the Indian Union Flag was not hoisted on 15th August, 1947, at the headquarters of the regiment at Dhanbad. The General Officer Commanding, Head Quarters Bihar and Orissa Area, Dinapore has been requested to enquire into the matter.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

17/11/47
Additional Under Secretary to Government.

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